
STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2004

Dr. Jean S. Murray, Superintendent

Patricia Healy, Chairman

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Andrea Bengier presented an update on the School Board Mission and Goals.
- James Rosenberg, executive director of Adopt-A-Classroom, presented an overview of the Adopt-A-Classroom program.

AWARDS

- Dr. Brenda Long received a proclamation from the School Board regarding Career and Technical Education Week.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Citizen comments were received from Dewey Reynolds, Lucy Burns, David Schaller, Philip Edwards, Carol O'Hagan, Karen Clore, Carla Zema, Duane Graysay and Valerie Raven regarding the proposed budget.
- Art Hart of Image I reported on the George Washington events held on February 21, 2004.
- Paige Young commented on *The Free Lance Star* editorial written by a Stafford County teacher.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

- Mr. Villacres stated that the School Board should support a community effort in developing a task force on Safe Driving. He stressed that "we should be a part of the dialogue."
- Mrs. Zink requested a report from the Superintendent on the history of the water problems at Hartwood Elementary School.
- Mr. Belman reported that he attended a facility planners meeting on the PPEA process.
- Mrs. Reinboldt stated she attended the new board member orientation session offered by VSBA. She also thanked Delegates Howell and Cole and Senator Chichester for meeting with the Stafford County delegation.
- Mr. Hunt said the budget process is tough. He also stated that he does not endorse partisan politics as part of the curriculum.
- Mrs. Healy announced that the sixth annual Senior Citizen Prom will be held on March 13 from 3 to 6 p.m. at North Stafford High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Murray announced the retirement of Darlene Marsh, Assistant Principal at Garrisonville Elementary, effective at the end of this school year.
- Dr. Murray announced E. Gerald Brown has been selected as Stafford County Teacher of the Year. Mr. Brown is a social studies teacher at Stafford High School.
- Dr. Murray announced that March 2 is Read Across America Day and will be celebrated throughout Stafford County Public Schools.
- Dr. Murray read a letter of commendation from the Virginia Department of Education regarding the Technology Plan.

ACTION ITEMS

The School Board approved:

- The minutes of the February 10, 2004, School Board meeting.
- The field trip requests from North Stafford High School's Future Business Leaders of America trip to New York; Colonial Forge High School's *Molten Art*/Apollo class trip to New York; Hartwood Elementary School's Fourth Grade trip to Prince William Forest Park and the Brooke Point High School's Orchestra trip to Orlando.
- The textbook adoption for the Marketing Education classes—Internet Marketing and Advanced Sports and Entertainment Management.
- The proclamation designating March 2004 as Music in Our Schools Month.
- The proclamation designating March 2004 as Youth Art Month.

The Action items approved were:

- The revisions made to Policy 7-12, School Attendance Areas.
- The adoption of the Stafford County Public Schools FY 2005 budgets as amended.
- Item 10D, Elementary School 2006, was moved from Information items to Action items and was approved. This action approved the Austin Ridge proffer site as the location for Elementary School 2006.
- Item 10E, Adopt-A-Classroom, was moved from Information items to Action items and was approved. This approval allows Stafford County Public Schools to participate in the Adopt-A-Classroom program and authorized a one-time fee of \$12,500 that is guaranteed to be raised by this program or the difference will be refunded to Stafford County Public Schools.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The School Board received information on the following:

- Proposed amendments to Bylaw 1-38 and Bylaw 1-38.2
- An overview of the newly adopted Integrated Technology Plan.

***NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Alvin York Bandy School Administrative Complex***